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BDPA was founded in 1975 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Today, it has grown to include over 45 chapters across the United States. The mission of BDPA is to build and strengthen its stakeholder proficiency and effective application of IT, to affect a just level of member participation at all levels of the IT industry's employment and business opportunities, and to become a powerful voice in the IT industry that represents the interests of their members and communities.

The 3,000 members of BDPA include IT professionals, entrepreneurs, consultants, executives, educators and students. This wide base of members represents associates from across our nation as well as growing membership in Canada, England, France and Ghana.

BDPA is involved in a variety of programs to attain their vision, mission and objectives. These programs include student internship and mentoring programs, an education and technology foundation, a career center, as well as interest groups that promote the perspectives of the IT industry.

As BDPA celebrates its 26th National Annual Conference this year, I would like to commend this organization for their role in supporting the Information Technology industry and its employees. As technology continues to advance, their role will only grow. We are proud of your achievements, and we wish you the best in the future.

GOVERNOR ROBERT SMYLIE

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life and peerless achievements of Robert Smylie, the only governor in Idaho history to serve three consecutive full terms. He died Saturday at the age of 89.

Please join me in extending the sympathies of the House of Representatives to Governor Smylie's wife Lucille and their entire family.

Bob Smylie was an Iowa native educated at my alma mater, the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and then at the George Washington University law school here in the nation's capital, where he attended classes while working as a member of the Capitol Police Force.

For 8 years as Idaho's attorney general and 12 years as governor, Bob Smylie proved time and again that he was a man of talent, vision and courage. He saw the modern challenges facing state government and understood intuitively that they required bold actions. As is the case with many people of intellect and audacity, his genius was not fully appreciated in his lifetime.

Governor Smylie was a pillar of fiscal responsibility. Yet he was far ahead of his time in recognizing that demands for government services would increase geometrically within his lifetime, that education and transportation are investments no state can afford to shortchange, and that the public's business is worthy of our best efforts and brightest minds.

Most of all, Governor Smylie was a tough and committed public servant who accepted

nothing less from his colleagues and contemporaries. His example is one of uncompromising devotion to the good of Idaho, America, and our people.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost an American original, a man whose influence and example will live on for years to come. He set the stage for the growth and progress that mark Idaho today. My state mourns his passing, but we all are better for having had Robert Smylie in our lives.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. PASTUSZEK, DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS LEADER WITH A LEGACY OF CIVIC AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on July 14th my good friend Bill Pastuszek passed away and Pennsylvania lost one of its most distinguished business and community leaders.

Born in Chester, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Juniata College with a B.A. and attended classes at Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania Military College, and University of Pennsylvania Law School. After graduation from Pennsylvania Military Prep School and service in the Army during World War II, he held a teaching certificate in secondary education and briefly taught at Chester High School and Smedley Junior High School.

Mr. Pastuszek's leadership qualities were in evidence early in his professional life. At the age of 26, Mr. Pastuszek became one of the youngest members of the Board of Directors of Chester School District, where he served as director, vice president and president from 1954 to 1963. A prominent leader in communities throughout Delaware County, Pennsylvania and in the Ukrainian American community in the United States, he established his real estate office in Chester in 1947 and later relocated to Swarthmore in 1963.

During his 57 years in the Delaware County, Pennsylvania real estate industry, Mr. Pastuszek became an institution in the county. He developed more than 1,000 commercial, industrial, self-storage garages, apartments and residential units in Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. In 1985, the Delaware County Council presented Mr. Pastuszek with the Distinguished Business Achievement Award for his contributions to the overall economic vitality of Delaware County. In 1991, he was awarded the Distinguished Community Achievement Award by the Lower Chichester Township Board of Commissioners. Mr. Pastuszek's subsequent contributions to improve housing were recognized by the municipalities of Marcus Hook, Chester, Trainer, Swarthmore, Morton and Lower Chichester.

Mr. Pastuszek's work over the years and tireless dedication to the character and charm of the properties under his care improved the quality of life in our community. Life is a series of crossroads and how appropriate it was that the Lower Chichester Township Board of Commissioners resolved in 2000 to change the name of Ormond Street to Pastuszek Boulevard, while the Township of Chester re-

named West 10th Street as Pastuszek Court. Bill Pastuszek was a developer not just of property but of people and of communities. I can't think of anyone more deserving of such recognition.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Pastuszek was someone who made a difference and dreamed the American Dream, and he truly represented what this country is all about. I wish Bill's wife of 56 years, Theodozia Kiziuk Pastuszek and family, my heartfelt condolences and may they find comfort in knowing that the many people he impacted deeply value his dedication and generosity and the example of his life and work.

HONORING HARRY WIGGINS

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend and former colleague, State Senator Harry Wiggins. Harry is the quintessential gentleman and a distinguished statesman. He dedicated his life to the betterment of our community and state.

Kansas City is home for Harry. A devoted son to his mother and father, young Harry attended St. Elizabeth's Grade School and Lillis High School. He continues to support these local institutions that fostered his academic growth. He received his law degree from Saint Louis University and served his country in the Army from 1957 to 1959.

Harry was inspired to a life of public service, as I was, by Robert Kennedy. He fulfilled Bobby Kennedy's prophecy that "few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation." In 1961 Harry was appointed by Attorney General Robert Kennedy to serve as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

In 1970, Harry was elected Western Judge of Jackson County, joining Presiding Judge George W. Lehr and Eastern Judge Joe Bolger in bringing growth and prosperity to Jackson County, and following in the footsteps of Harry S. Truman who had earlier served as Eastern Judge. The dynamic combination of Lehr, Bolger, and Wiggins catapulted Kansas City into a major sports city with the creation of the Truman Sports Complex. Judge Wiggins traveled to New York's financial bond market to ensure funding for the innovative complex.

Known for his tenacity and persistence as a crusader, Harry was elected to the Missouri State Senate for the Tenth District in 1974 and served with distinction for 28 years. From 1980 to 1984 he served as Majority Floor Leader. I fondly remember the eighteen years in which I worked with Senator Wiggins on numerous bills for our community and state when I joined my friend in Jefferson City as a State Representative in 1976. For 12 years we partnered on landmark fiscal policy as we each chaired the Ways and Means Committees of our respective chambers.

Harry's civic and charitable awards include: the 2001 Charles Evans Whittaker Award for outstanding lawyer of Kansas City; 2001 Outstanding Advocacy for Children Award from